

YESTERDAYS IN WASHINGTON.

Pen Pictures of Celebrities of the Past Generation.

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THE WASHINGTON TRAVEL CLUB.

There is hardly a State in this Union in which there does not live somebody who has sometimes been a member of a visitor of the Washington Travel Club. This is a sort of news letter to the rank and file of the old regime, while at the same time it will convey to others the modus operandi by which they can organize clubs of like import. It would be impossible in a paper like this to even touch upon all the topics that have been brought before the Club in the 18 years of its life, or even give the names of all the women and men who have been identified with the work.

The organization was most unique. It was consummated one stormy Sunday afternoon in the parlors of the Strathmore Arms in January, 1881. Judge Lysander Hill, Miss Emily Brigham, Mrs. Sara Dean, Frank Eastman, and Dr. Knight, so long a representative color of this literary household, assisted in the founding of this Club and in the forming of the constitution, which provided for officers—a Guide, a Courier, a Dragoon, a Journalist, a Correspondent, and a Treasurer. There were special committees upon Geography, Biography, Government, Religion, the Arts—ornamental, practical, and military, the Common People, Literature, and Science.

The countries to be visited and investigated were selected by the Guide, assisted by the Courier, Correspondent, and Journalist. The Committee on Geography was to provide maps and charts appropriate to the subjects of each meeting. The relative committees were either to provide the matter to be presented to the meetings, or to invite some well-known traveler to fill the place on the program.

A notable feature of the Club was a determination to have no exercises of a miscellaneous nature, in the way of recitations, readings, or literary "fireworks" of any kind. Other clubs were achieving distinction in that line, and it was thought best to leave that field to them. This Club has always adhered to the purposes for which it was organized. To this one feature its success has been largely attributed. It is a difficult thing to maintain a club or organization through a series of years, with changes that come that tend to scatter membership, that remove active members, and necessitate new elements, and when it is done successfully it is because the foundations are good and the means attractive.

The Club first started upon its travels in Egypt, and after a winter's work, going through the programs of the different committees by well-written and well-illustrated papers, and the charm of personal narrative, with talks from different people, an intelligent knowledge of these countries was obtained that many travelers fail to grasp.

Since these journeys were commenced in 1881 this Club has traveled "from near and from far without carriage or car."

It has been upon the Nile, over the hills of Judea, through the plains of Palestine, among the pyramids of Egypt, into the buried cities of Persia, through the jungles, mountains, and cities of India, and among the masters of chopsticks in China. Its members have explored Greece, studied its history, its art and literature. They have journeyed through sunny Italy, and become familiar with her poetry, song, and classic story. They have journeyed something of the old Etruscan goldsmiths, whose art is the despair of modern goldsmiths, and they found a sad, tender grace hanging over her departed people. They have sailed over the Mediterranean, entered the Straits of Gibraltar, traversed the mountain ranges and broad plateaus of Spain.

The old Alhambra revealed to them pictures of the past. They have seen the sunset as the Moors saw it, when poor Boabdil looked for the last time upon the fortress his ancestors had made historic for centuries. They have seen pictures of the Christian Cross that floated over the Alhambra, and the war-worn veterans of the Christian army with Ferdinand and Isabella at their head. They have become familiar with the grandeur of old Spain, magnificent Granada, lovely Toledo, Saragossa, the abundant, Valencia, the "beautiful," and Seville the "golden."

They have traveled through Scandinavia, studying the habits and customs of the people, and they have heard the old Skalds sing again the songs of the Edda. They know the coming and the going out of all the Ozars of the Russias from Peter the Small, and learned enough of Catherine II. to know that her reign Russia made rapid advance in power and in civilization; that she protected commerce, excited industry, cultivated the arts, encouraged learning, promoted manufactures.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE.



SENATOR WILLIAM F. FRYE.

Senator Frye, of Maine, is now President pro tem. of the Senate, and by the death of Vice-President Hoar becomes the first Vice-President of the United States. He will preside over the Senate at the coming session of Congress.

founded cities, laid out canals, and developed in a thousand ways the wealth and resources of the country. In fact, they learned that she had so many virtues that some have consigned her name to infamy, and so many virtues that others have advocated her canonization.

By edifice and by post they have traveled the steps of Sileria. They have gone with Konon into her dungeons, and trembled at the revelations they found. The art galleries, cathedrals, and "green vaults" of Germany are familiar scenes. They have looked in upon her universities, and visited the birthplaces of the fathers of song and poetry.

In bright, joyous, effervescent France they have visited her palaces, art galleries, and triumphant arches until her history is familiar. They know the history of the Anglo-Saxon race throughout its ramifications in modern England and at home; it has made these travelers familiar with the homes of their ancestors, their lives, and the influences that sent them across the sea.

They also in their travels around the world spent a winter in old Mexico, in the land of the Aztecs and the Incas. The late Senator Romero, the Mexican Minister, was before the Club, and gave them a fund of information concerning the people and its government.

Mrs. John W. Foster, one of the able and acceptable Presidents of the Daughters of the American Revolution, one whose voice has been often heard in charitable and missionary work, related her experiences when at the Court of Spain and at the Court of St. Petersburg in her trip around the world. Mr. Foster was made Minister for seven years that was his home. During this time Mrs. Foster became thoroughly familiar with the language, habits and customs of the country. Her familiarity with these scenes, as well as with the ancient historical temples, tombs and museums, with their histories and their religions, with all there is of interest in the countries in which she lived and visited, gave her a wealth of knowledge which she has so graciously and so judiciously imparted to her listeners. Her patient study of the conditions of women in the Orient and the effect of the Christian religion upon them always brought to her a degree of enthusiasm which she effectively imparted to her hearers.

The Hon. John W. Foster, whose presence at the club always draws an intelligent audience to listen to the lessons he has to give—the practical statement of fact, the wealth of knowledge he has gained in his many years' service for his country abroad, his equipped him with unusual qualifications for instructing such an audience.

The Hon. A. R. Spofford, Librarian of Congress, took the Club into the literary salons of France. His introduction of the members to the French literature, history, and politics—made them living personalities before them.

Dr. Eliot C. Cress has given the members many glimpses into the ways he has traveled in science, history and discovery. One evening stands out boldly in our memory in which he with incident and story, gave his experiences on his wonderful trip to the source of the Mississippi River, where was found unmistakable evidence of the origin of the Father of Waters.

Prof. Carpenter gave an exhaustive talk upon Icelandic literature, and Olive Logan took them across the Atlantic and in her intimate way charmed them with incident and story, while she quietly led them from country to country—from the royal residences of France to the grandeur of St. Peter at Rome and through old palaces of Florence. Gen. John A. Logan was an active member of the Club, and ex-Secretary Gen. S. B. Boutwell often gave the members the benefit of his scholarly training.

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to be done and kept his eye out for every returned traveler who could add to the general interest of the Club. Jerome C. Burnett, one of our most efficient Guides, one who was always glad to be numbered with these members in all the histories made during the time he was Guide.

For years Miss Georgia Snow was the official Secretary of the organization, and it has been no pleasant task to go over these records graced by the touch of her pen. She has taken her journey alone, but the memory of her presence and records side with us. The venerable form of Judge Hayden, a Vice-Guide, who could always be relied on for a present help in time of need, comes up before me. He, with Mrs. Hayden, have been active members since our organization, but as I write the touch of the angel's hand is upon our comrades Mrs. Hayden, and is beckoning her to follow into the shadow land. Even her companion of years that has traveled with her on life's journey has come to the parting of the ways, and so another name will be added to those who wait on the other side to greet us travelers as we make this journey across the sea.

While we call them up one by one, each familiar face and name, and while this paper can only touch upon a small part of the memories of the past, it is a fact, comparatively nothing has been said of the magnificent work of the membership, but the letters we receive year by year from the living show how closely comrades are knit together, and memories of the evenings spent with this club are rich in results, for they always took away something that they did not expect to find.

To all those comrades whose eyes fall upon this sketch, remember that we have passed in vision during this writing, and when you travel bring you to the old tattered grounds, come again at the roll-call. Alas, how we shall miss those who will never answer you. When we recall the way over which we have traveled, and as fellow travelers through the years, our good Dr. Gregory expressed our feelings through it all in what he said in his closing address on New and Old Corbin.

"There were ghosts there, the air was full, and the sea was full. We came down from the Acadia, leaving half our hearts behind us, but bringing back what we did not carry with us—pictures which will hang on memory's wall through all the life that now is, and the life which is to come."

(To be continued.)

LET ME LIKE A SOLDIER DIE.

Dedicated to Maj. John A. Logan.

By JOHN A. JOYCE, WASHINGTON, D. C., NOV. 17, 1899.

Let me like a soldier die,
Fighting foes in battle,
Facing only Fate and sky,
Where cannons loudly rattle.

Let me like a soldier die
Upon the field of glory,
With loving comrades standing by,
Who'll sound my name in story.

Let me like a soldier die,
With battle "yells" resounding,
For home and country always nigh,
And God's own love surrounding.

Reinforcement of Maine Heroes.

Acting Secretary Allen is giving consideration to the advisability of bringing the dead of the late battleship Maine to Washington, and have the remains interred with appropriate ceremonies at Arlington on Feb. 15 next, the anniversary of the destruction of the vessel.

The Department has an appropriation of \$10,000 which can be used for this purpose. It is proposed, when a naval vessel is available, to employ it to bring the remains from Havana. There are about sixty-six bodies are interred in the Christ the King Cemetery there, and there are others at Key West.

Cured of Drinking

A Woman's Secret Method Whereby

She Cured Her Husband Who

Was a Terrible Drunkard.

Mixed a Remedy in His Coffee and

Food and Cured Him Without

His Help or Knowledge

It takes a woman to overcome a drunkard. Mrs. Chas. W. Hardy, of Newport, Ky., had for years patiently borne the disgrace, suffering, misery, and privation due to her husband's drinking habits.

I had the good fortune to sit next to Hon. Bingham, at the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and found him an unusually well-informed public officer. He appears one of those public men who is more than a senator or officer for his great accomplishments, but goes into his work with a zeal to master its details, as one would a private business. He has all the business of the United States at his finger and thumb, and can at once answer any question. Speaking of his recent report that there are still about 1,000,000 acres of public lands unimproved, he said that not more than 5,000,000 acres of this are really fit for agriculture. About 200,000,000 acres more can be made arable by irrigation, while the rest of the 1,000,000,000 are deserts, precipitous mountains, etc. He is a believer in a National irrigation system, and thinks that such a policy. He says that the people of his State and the whole Pacific Coast are thoroughly awake to the great advantages of expansion, and see all the brilliant possibilities of the future. Their trade with the Orient has been increasing enormously for years, and the growth is still greater for the future. There is a limitless market for their wheat and fruits among the 800,000,000 people of Japan, China, and India, and an enormous commerce can be built up in trading wheat for tea and silks. He inclines to think that the metropolis of this trade will rise on Puget Sound.

Report of Gen. Miles.

In his annual report Gen. Miles, commanding the Army, is brief and formal. A review of the Army's behavior and condition since last report is made, and the General says:

"It is gratifying to note that the Government has authorized a military force which seems commensurate with its requirements, magnitude, and institutions. I have for years recommended the adoption of a system in proportion to the population, not to exceed one soldier to every 1,000 of the population, and I believe that the establishment of such a standard will result in a more efficient and economical force. During the past few years progress has been made in the equipment of the Atlantic, Pacific, and Gulf coasts with modern defenses, and if the general plan is carried out, it is hoped that at a short time our coasts will be in a proper condition for defense."

The Reason Why.

Answers.

A gentleman was riding on one of the coaches in the Trossachs of Scotland, when the driver said to him: "I've had a long year to ride 200 years old. Did you ever see a coin 200 years old?"

"O, yes," was the reply; "I have one myself 2,000 years old."

"Ah," said the driver, "have ye?" And he spoke no more during the rest of the journey.

When the coach arrived at its destination the driver came up to the gentleman with an intensely self-satisfied air and said:

"I told you as we came along that I had a coin 200 years old."

"Yes,"

"And you said to me as you had one 2,000 years old?"

"Yes, so I have."

"Now, you be a liar."

"What do you mean by that?"

"What do I mean? Why, I've only 1899 now!"

Purchase of Government Bonds.

The Secretary of the Treasury last week announced it as the intention of the Government to purchase \$25,000,000 of Government bonds.

The purpose is to relieve the stringency of the money market. The prices at which the bonds will be purchased are the market values of Nov. 14.

CHAT OF THE CORRIDORS.

The House will almost certainly re-elect Maj. Alex. McDowell, of Pennsylvania, Clerk; W. J. Glenn, of New York, Doorkeeper; and Capt. Jos. C. McElroy, of Ohio, Postmaster. The only one of the House officers who will not be re-elected is Capt. Benj. F. Russell, of Missouri, Sergeant-at-Arms. He will be succeeded by Henry Carson, of Wisconsin, formerly Chief Clerk, Department of Agriculture. This is not because any fault was found with Comrade Russell, who was a very efficient and popular officer. His displacement comes from a deal in the Speaker's office. The veterans will be sorry to see Comrade Russell go. They could have far better spared Doorkeeper Glenn, who is not a friend of the veterans.

Director Merriam, of the Census, in his annual report, estimates that there will be required for the Census of 1900 more than 50,000 enumerators, over 2,500 clerks, and over 2,000 special agents. On Nov. 1 the entire office numbered 182, mostly women, employed as skilled laborers in the preliminary work. It is recommended that the permanent office of Purchasing Agent be created and that two additional Chiefs of Division and 19 additional clerks be authorized.

The big monitor Puritan has been sent to Annapolis as a training ship for cadets.

The President, with Gen. Corbin and Secretary of War Root, expect to be in Nashville on the occasion of the reception of the 1st Tenn. regiment, provided the date is such as not to interfere with their return to Washington Thanksgiving Day.

Gen. D. B. Henderson announces the appointment of Jules C. Richards, of Waterloo, Iowa, as private secretary, to succeed Amos L. Adams, Speaker of Reed's secretary, and who has just been elected to Congress. Also, that Asher C. Hinds will continue as clerk at the Speaker's table, and that Leroy Newley, for some years Congressman Henderson's private secretary, will be the Speaker's clerk.

Rear-Admiral Schley hoisted his flag on the cruiser Chicago at New York, Nov. 18. He has with him the staff officers he had on the Brooklyn. He will proceed to inspect the ships on his station in the South Atlantic, which will take about one month, and will then be at liberty to go to Africa.

The Navy Department thinks that it has developed a better cannon than the famous Vickers gun of the British service. At a recent trial at Indian Head the Vickers six-inch gun developed a maximum velocity of 2,014 feet a second, with 17 tons' pressure. With only 15 tons' pressure the new naval six-inch gun developed a muzzle-velocity of 2,950 feet a second. Rear-Admiral O'Neil, Chief of the Naval Ordnance, says he has no doubt that the gun will readily develop a muzzle velocity of 3,000 feet a second with less than 17 tons' chamber pressure. The gun has yet to be tested for rapidity of fire, but the experts are confident that the American weapon will equal the record of the English gun in that important particular.

It is asserted that Secretary Long has been anxious to retire for a long time, but that President McKinley has persuaded him to remain until the end of his term.

Gen. D. B. Henderson arrived in Washington last Friday, accompanied by his wife and daughter, and took his old rooms at the Normandy. He looks in excellent health.

The Kansas delegation is anxious to know whether Representative Sherman is going to remain at the head of the Committee on Indian Affairs. In the event of his going to another committee they want Representative Curtis, of Kansas, to succeed him. It is thought that Sherman wants the important Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. But he may want to stay on the Indian Committee for an important reason. The great Indian warehouse for Indian supplies is now in New York City, where it has been kept largely through the efforts of Mr. Sherman. The clever kind of wire-puller wants the important Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. But he may want to stay on the Indian Committee for an important reason. The great Indian warehouse for Indian supplies is now in New York City, where it has been kept largely through the efforts of Mr. Sherman. The clever kind of wire-puller wants the important Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries. 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